

House File 660 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 245)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a public hearing prior to increasing the rate
2 of a franchise fee imposed by a city.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 364.2, subsection 4, paragraph f,
2 subparagraph (3), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 (3) When considering whether to amend an ordinance imposing
4 a franchise fee to increase the rate of the fee, and after
5 preparation of the revenue purpose statement under subparagraph
6 (2), a city shall hold a public hearing on the question.
7 Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published
8 as provided in section 362.3. If a city adopts, amends, or
9 repeals an ordinance imposing a franchise fee, the city shall
10 promptly notify the director of revenue of such action.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill requires a city, when considering an increase to
15 a franchise fee imposed by the city, to hold a public hearing
16 on the question after preparation of the revenue purpose
17 statement. The bill requires that notice of the hearing be
18 published at least once, not less than four nor more than 20
19 days before the date of the hearing, and that the publication
20 must be in a newspaper published at least once weekly and
21 having general circulation in the city. Under current law, if
22 the city has a population of 200 or less, a publication may be
23 made by posting in three public places in the city which have
24 been permanently designated by ordinance.